MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I claim notice for that too.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from Government whether the road from Thannimoodu to Government Silk Farm at Vattapalli is left incomplete?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I claim notice.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know when one mile of that road was completed?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I claim notice.

Departmental Buildings.

27. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that the estimates prepared and submitted by the P. W. D. for the construction of school buildings, court houses and hospitals in mofussils are too high and they would result in the waste of public funds; and

(*b*) whether they are aware that inordinate delay and indifference are being shown by the P. W. D. in the matter of submitting estimates for the construction of departmental buildings?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) and (*b*) No.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): With reference to part (*a*), may I know from the member whether any estimate has been submitted about the construction of a girls' school at Nedumangad by the P. W. D.?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I am afraid, Sir, this does not really come under the original question. In any case I have to ask for notice.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): I wish to draw the attention of the Chair. It is not the business of the member to say that my supplementary question does not come under the original interpellation.

PRESIDENT: The Chief Engineer can draw the attention of the Chair.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): My question is whether the Government are aware that the estimates prepared and submitted by the P. W. D. for the construction of school buildings, court houses and hospitals are too high and they would result in the waste of public funds. I am asking Government now whether they can tell me the amount of the estimate that was prepared for the construction of the girls' school at Nedumangad.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): Is any supplementary question in order since the member says he claims notice?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): On a point of order—

PRESIDENT: It is not a point of order at all. A question was asked. On behalf of Government the member asked me whether the question came technically under the original question. And then the member said he wanted notice.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Under the rules the member is not entitled to claim notice. He ought to have been prepared with the answer.

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PRESIDENT : That may be so. But still when the member concerned says that he is not ready with the information, rather than permitting him to give incorrect information it is better to permit him to say that he is not prepared with the information. For that he wants notice.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : I want to point out that the question is general, which asks whether estimates prepared for school buildings, court houses and hospitals in mofussils are too high and then the member refers to particular buildings.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from Government the estimate that has been drwn up by the P.W.D. for the construction of the Magistrate's Court ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) I clam notice.

PRESIDENT : You might have asked that question straight-away.

Agriculture in Nedumangad taluk.

28. ***MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that the Nedumangad taluk is an agricultural taluk ;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether the Government are aware that the Agricultural Department has not done, as yet, anything towards agricultural development in the taluk ; and

(*c*) why Demonstration Farms and Manure Depots are not opened in the taluk ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Even though no separate agricultural officer has been sanctioned for doing propaganda work in the Nedumangad taluk, the agricultural officer in charge of the Cattle Farm, Trivandrum, is conducting some demonstrations in a few villages in that taluk. Government also sanctioned a Manure Depot on commission agency system being opened at Nedumangad, provided some respectable gentlemen of the locality came forward to take up the agency. But for want of a suitable person, it has not been possible for the department to open a depot there so far.

(*c*) For want of funds.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from Government the nature of the work that the agricultural officer in charge of the Cattle Farm conducted during the course of last year and this year ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : He inspected the cattle during the course of his inspection.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : The date on which he inspected the cattle or the owners of the cattle (*laughter*) last year or this year ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*) : May I know whether there was any temporary farm in the Nedumangad taluk ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : I am not aware.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : With regard to part (*a*), may I know whether there are non-agricultural taluks in Travancore ?

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